

In the Claims

Cancel claims 1 and 11.

Amend claims 2-6, 8-10 and 12

Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (currently amended): The external rearview mirror assembly of Claim 4, ~~wherein the plurality of openings is 10,~~ wherein said carrier plate includes a plurality of adjacent cells configured to dampen vibration of the mirror assembly.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The external rearview mirror assembly of Claim 4 10, wherein the clamping recess is shaped complementary to the holder such that the holder grippingly protrudes into the clamping recess.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The external rearview mirror assembly of Claim 4 10, wherein the housing includes a peripheral rim configured to limit pivoting of the mirror assembly.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The external rearview mirror assembly of Claim 4 10, wherein the plurality of openings vary in diameter and in height.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method for assembling a mirror assembly having a mirror element and a housing defining an interior therein, a rim, and a covering, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a carrier plate located spaced apart from said rim and cover, said carrier plate having a plurality of openings therethrough and a clamping recess thereon;

b) clamping the clamping recess to a holder, ~~the carrier plate spaced apart from the rim and the covering;~~

- c) mounting a mirror adjustment assembly to the carrier plate; and
- d) mounting the mirror element to ~~one of the mirror adjustment assembly and the carrier plate.~~

Claim 7 (original): The method as in claim 6, wherein the step of mounting the mirror element is by one of a sliding attachment, a screw attachment, a snap-in attachment, a shape-fit attachment, a clamping attachment and combinations thereof.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method as in Claim 6, ~~wherein~~ including configuring the plurality of openings ~~are configured~~ to dampen vibrations of the mirror assembly.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method as in Claim 6, further including ~~the housing, wherein~~ providing the housing defines a peripheral rim configured to limit pivoting of the mirror assembly.

Claim 10 (currently amended): An external rearview mirror assembly for a vehicle comprising:

- a housing defining an interior therein, a rim, and a covering;
- a holder depending through the housing into the interior, the holder configured for attachment to the vehicle;
- a carrier plate defining a base portion with a clamping recess thereon and a plurality of openings therethrough, the carrier plate attachable within the interior by clamping the clamping recess to the holder, the carrier plate being arranged spaced apart from the rim and the covering ~~such that the carrier plate is connected to the holder but not to the covering;~~
- a mirror adjustment assembly mountable to the carrier plate; and

a mirror arrangement having a mirror glass extending substantially in a given plane, the mirror arrangement being mountable to one of the mirror adjustment assembly and the carrier plate wherein one of the housing, the carrier plate and combinations thereof are cooperable to provide structural support for at least one of the mirror adjustment assembly and the mirror arrangement.

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): The ~~method as in~~ external rearview mirror of Claim 10, wherein the mirror arrangement is mountable to one of the mirror ~~arrangement~~ adjustment assembly ~~or~~ and carrier plate by one of a sliding attachment, a screw attachment, a snap-in attachment, a shape-fit attachment, a clamping attachment and combinations thereof.